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Davis, John R.
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King Field House

Mr. James R. Hoffa, General President
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
25 Louisiana Ave., N. W.
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

This is in regard to a letter received in your office from a John R. Davis, apparently a Technical Engineer who is desirous of obtaining information on organization within the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, in Alaska and the Northwest part of the United States.

I have communicated with our representative in Alaska and he has indicated to me that Technical Engineers are as well organized as they possibly could be in the Alaska area under present circumstances. In Alaska as well as the Northwest area of the United States, there are local unions representing the Technical Engineers wherever possible.

I can appreciate Mr. Davis' situation as they are probably not getting the representation the Teamsters give their membership by virtue of the type of members in their local union. These people are generally professional people and from past experiences, I have found that they generally prefer association-type organization rather than trade union organization.

I will make further inquiry into the Northwest area and ascertain whether the strengthening of this organization or suggested affiliation would be to our advantage as well as to those affiliated with the Technical Engineers.

After further inquiry, I will make a report to you.

Fraternally yours

Robert L. Graham
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Assistant to the President

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March 19, 1959

Mr. John R. Davis
2222 3rd St., N. E.
Puyallup, Washington

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for your letter of recent date. I can assure you our organization will look into the Alaskan situation as it affects the engineering field.

I am forwarding your correspondence to our Western Conference office at San Francisco, who has jurisdiction over this area.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
General President

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cc: Elmer O. Mohr

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Dr Mr. Hoffa

We all are aware of
your organizational abilities and sincerely
wish you would look into the
engineering field in the Northwest
and Alaska

Engineers, architects,
draftsmen and field survey men
are the lowest paid employees
in the building and heavy construction
industry in the Northwest.

The Technical Engineers
Union in this area is the weakest
union in the same field, it is
close to a company dominated
association, instead of a union.

A common laborer
in Seattle receives \$2.95 per hr
+ 20% health and welfare and

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in most cases travel time of
\$3.00 a day.

Engineering personnel working
on the same jobs are mostly
non union, recruited in Arkansas
Oklahoma, and Mississippi and
are paid between \$2.00 an hr
and 2.50 per hr with no fringe
benefits and no travel time and
are usually on the administrative
payroll and have to work over-
time without extra compensation

Local engineering personnel
are just begging to be organized
into a good union, and I
think that you could sure help

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arrange something for them

The technical engineers union here turns a deaf ear when called upon to do something about wages and working conditions for these men.

Dave Beck wrote an editorial in the Teamster magazine right after he became president and said that if industry and management would not do anything for the engineer's that he would, but unfortunately he is no longer able to help.

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I sure wish you would
look into the engineering field
here and if I can be
of any help, have your organizers
call on me at my home.

Sincerely

John R. Davis

This is national engineers
week, and a statement from
you would be appropriate now.

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